

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the final official action mailed on August 28, 2003. Applicants have currently amended claims 11, 12, 15-17, 20 and 21. Thus, claims 11-21, as amended, are now pending and presented for reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, and in light of the amendments and remarks that follow, are respectfully requested. Because the present claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the newly-cited prior art, good cause exists for the entry of this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Claims 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,219,839 to Sampsell ("Sampsell"). In response, Applicants have now amended the claims to clarify that the program explanation screen of the currently received broadcast television program and the program explanation screen of the recorded television program from the external device are presented on separate display screens.

This is not the case with Sampsell, which displays a single-screen, universal grid electronics resources guide ("ERG"). Thus, Sampsell's approach to displaying description information about live or recorded programs is to display both the program sources (e.g., live ESPN from satellite source, a DVD) and their program descriptions ("programming information appears in the body of the grid, 66" (Sampsell, col. 5, lines 9-10)) on one universal screen. This is shown in Fig. 9, for example, where the "description of media mounted in the DVD player" is provided directly in the grid guide adjacent the source "DVD" in column 72. This approach, however, requires different and further processing of guide data, not required by

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the presently claimed invention, to display the program information about the program in one master on-screen guide or ERG.

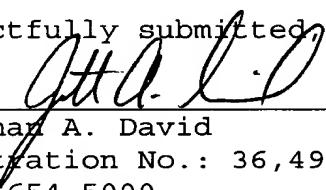
Sampsell, however, does not address the problem solved by the claimed invention of presenting consistent, but identifiably separate, screens of television program descriptions "so that the user can easily discriminate the received program explanation screen 50 [see Fig. 2] on broadcast data being displayed in realtime from the reproduced program explanation screen 70 [see Fig. 5]." (Application, p. 14 (emphasis added).) Accordingly, applicants submit that the present claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Sampsell and therefore respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to the pending claims.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections that he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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